

Friday, March 11, 2011

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1031–1055; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48; and H. Res. 165–166, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 147, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress (H. Rept. 112–30);

H.R. 839, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–31); and

H.R. 861, to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–32).

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Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act: The House passed H.R. 836, to rescind the unobligated funding for the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program and to terminate the program, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 174.

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Rejected the Connolly motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 173.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H1739**

Agreed to:

Canseco amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that provides that all unexpended balances rescinded and permanently canceled by the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program's termination be retained in the General Fund of the Treasury for reducing the federal government debt and

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Neugebauer amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that includes military servicemembers and veterans who have service-related injuries, as well as survivors and dependents of such individuals, in a study on use of the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program. **Page H1742**

Rejected:

Waters amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to post a statement prominently on the HUD website stating that the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program has been terminated and including contact information for borrowers who are uncertain as to how to proceed (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 172).

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Point of Order sustained against:

Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of March 9, 2011) that sought to provide that the bill take effect on the first date occurring after enactment on which the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of Labor Statistics